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Oct. 4-1901

REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

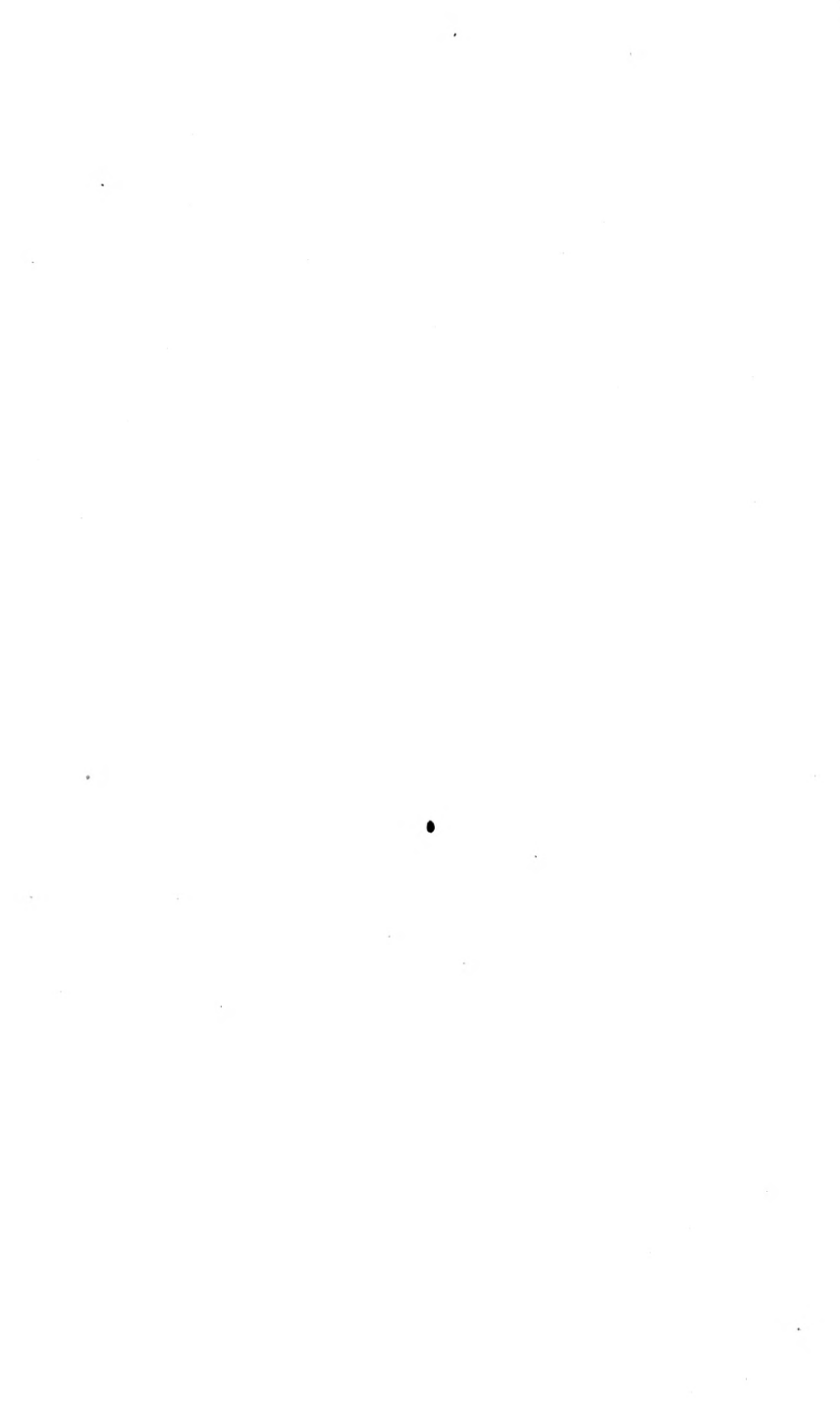
OF THE

TOWN OF GILMANTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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1871.



REPORT

Of Selectmen and Treasurer on the accounts kept by the Selectmen and Treasurer of last year.

In accordance with a vote of the town, passed at the Annual Meeting of the town, held March 8th, 1870, the undersigned, Selectmen and Treasurer, have examined the accounts kept by the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1870, and find the Treasurer charged, to cash and orders received from Feb. 26, 1869, to March 1, 1870, exclusive from what was received from taxes, \$13,370.93

We find the Treasurer should be charged, in addition to the above sum, as follows: viz., to balance due on settlement, Feb. 26, 1869, 3,463.75

To amount of tax committed J. Lougee, collector for 1869, 11,597.57

\$28,432.25

We find the Treasurer has paid the following sums, by order of the Selectmen, for the year ending March 1, 1870.

Cr. By paid outstanding orders, and	
interest on the same,	\$16,371.60
for poor in town,	496.60
poor of other towns and	
poor of county,	226.77
roads and bridges,	391.70
roads and bridges, by	
freshet,	1,452.91
town officers,	989.01
abatement of taxes,	673.01
current expenses,	5,533.92
damage to sheep by dogs,	33.00
	<u>\$26,168.52</u>

Balance in hands of collectors, and cash in treasury, March 1, 1870, is	\$2,263.73
Cr. By balance of taxes in hands of col- lectors, charged to Treasurer,	2,215.53
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Balance of cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1870,	\$48.20
This balance of \$2,215.53, in hands of collec- tors, embraces the following items: viz.,	
Due from C. H. Gilman, collector for 1863,	32.26
I. S. Sanborn, " for 1866,	19.91
J. Lougee, " for 1867,	63.51
T. Adams, " for 1868,	59.91
E. Tebbetts, " for 1868,	133.98
J. Lougee, " for 1869,	1,905.96
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	\$2,215.53

JOHN K. WOODMAN, *Treasurer.*

CYRUS VARNEY,	} Selectmen of Gilmanton.
TYLER S. TILTON,	
ALBERT H. EMERSON,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*John K. Woodman, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Gilmanton.*

1870.		Dr.
April 21.	To cash and orders received of T. Adams, former Treasurer,	\$116.39
	To cash and orders received of T. Adams, for John Lougee, Collector for 1867,	20.00
	To cash received of T. Adams, for I. S. San- born, Collector for 1866,	4.25
	To balance found due from T. Adams, on settlement for the year ending March 1, 1870,	48.20
Mar. 11.	To cash hired of Cha's Montgomery,	700.00
14.	John K. Woodman,	1,042.11
19.	Luther E. Page,	150.00
19.	Martha F. Nelson,	200.00
19.	Orrin Folsom,	200.00

Mar.	26.	To cash received from the County,	129.37
	26.	To cash hired of E. R. Prescott,	500.00
	26.	Mora A. Clough,	1,000.00
Apr.	1.	Treas. of Ladies' Fund,	91.92
	14.	Josiah L. Kimball,	50.00
	14.	Trustees of H. Hall,	1,650.00
	16.	N. Pulsifer,	50.00
	21.	A. F. Page,	500.00
	21.	Richard D. Varney,	110.00
	27.	A. E. Ayers,	261.00
	27.	E. R. Prescott,	1,000.00
May	2.	C. G. Edgerly,	200.00
	2.	B. H. Gilman,	50.00
	14.	S. F. Emerson,	200.00
	17.	To cash received of County of Belknap,	100.88
June	15.	hired of N. Gilman,	200.00
	18.	M. S. Weeks,	50.00
	21.	received of County of Belknap,	72.24
	21.	hired of J. S. Page,	125.00
	25.	received of Amos Varney,	1.30
	25.	hired of M. E. Heath,	200.00
July	2.	G. E. Edgerly,	50.00
Aug.	4.	John F. Folsom,	45.00
	6.	C. G. Littlefield,	150.00
	10.	A. B. Taylor,	1,000.00
	20.	Simon Straw,	400.00
	16.	received of County of Belknap,	28.00
	22.	hired of J. G. Drew,	125.00
Sept.	12.	I. P. Coffin,	200.00
	17.	Stephen Perkins,	2,000.00
	17.	James A. Hurd,	50.00
	24.	E. Marsh,	33.95
	24.	C. W. Marsh,	30.00
	30.	received of County of Belknap,	93.51
Oct.	20.	hired of R. Rowe,	142.00
	29.	A. J. Sanborn,	50.00
	29.	C. C. Varney,	200.00
	26.	N. Pulsifer,	200.00
Nov.	25.	received of State Treasurer, for Savings	
		Bank tax,	492.84
	25.	State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	59.36
	25.	State Treasurer, Literary	
		Fund,	124.12

Nov. 21.	To cash hired of John S. Osborn,	500.00
26.	A. H. Lee,	325.00
Dec. 3.	M. O. Merrill,	200.00
9.	C. G. Kelley,	200.00
14.	H. Barker,	3,000.00
15.	J. Morrill,	250.00
17.	Note of Nahum Wight, dated Dec. 11, 1870, for	48.89
20.	Cash hired of Jane Pickering,	200.00
30.	E. S. Price,	80.00
31.	A. E. Avery,	150.00
1871.		
Jan. 7.	To cash hired of J. A. Leighton,	235.00
9.	H. Barker,	6,000.00
	received of County of Belknap, Dec.	
	20, 1870,	40.24
	hired of Laconia Savings Bank,	
	Mar. 30, 1870,	1,000.00
17.	received of County of Belknap,	168.75
21.	hired of Jonathan Young,	340.00
28.	To cash and orders of C. H. Gilman, Collector	
	for 1863,	32.26
28.	To cash and orders of I. S. Sanborn, Collector	
	for 1866,	15.66
Feb. 11.	To cash hired of A. P. Kimball,	150.00
11.	J. L. Kimball,	100.00
11.	A. N. Lamprey,	20.00
18.	To cash and orders received of John Lougee,	
	Collector for 1867,	63.51
22.	To cash and orders received of E. Tebbetts,	
	Collector for 1868,	130.01
22.	To cash received of the County of Belknap,	104.47
	E. Tebbetts, Collector for	
	1868,	3.82
	C. H. Wells, for tax of 1868,	3.43
25.	To cash and orders of John Lougee, Collec-	
	tor, 1869,	1,359.40
25.	John Lougee, Collec-	
	tor, 1870,	10,143.77
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		\$39,360.65

Outstanding Orders, and Interest on the same.

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Paid order drawn to M. E. Clough,	\$257.67
in part drawn to David E. Lougee,	72.85
G. G. Fogg,	1,742.11
J. P. Hill,	400.00
Martha A. Beck,	470.00
F. P. Burroughs,	118.32
F. P. Burroughs,	56.23
Asa T. Page,	57.05
Asa T. Page,	65.60
Asa T. Page,	209.47
Asa T. Page,	310.45
Abram B. Osgood,	236.14
Tho's J. Sanborn,	205.74
Tho's J. Sanborn,	93.33
Nancy M. Sanborn,	86.63
Interest to Laconia Savings Bank,	40.67
Order drawn to Hiram S. Goodwin,	151.83
Luther E. Page,	150.00
Emily Hutchinson,	84.36
E. B. Rollins,	58.90
Jonathan P. Hill,	392.58
Interest to Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	36.00
Order drawn to Mahala D. Page,	653.22
Mahala D. Page,	112.92
Joseph E. Osgood,	204.80
John S. Shannon,	111.62
Peter Dudley,	248.37
Peter Dudley,	250.80
Betsey T. Leighton,	29.85
Orrin Folsom,	201.46
Emily Hutchinson,	79.57
Interest to Laconia Savings Bank,	54.75
Order drawn to A. O. Page,	38.58
Reuben S. Page,	38.58
Sarah J. Page,	114.61
Susan Gale,	222.28
Henry E. Marsh,	101.60
John C. Baker, in part,	50.00
Melora S. Clough,	229.89
Cha's H. Lougee, "	25.00
Almy J. Merrill,	276.71
Sally Edgerly,	38.32

Paid order drawn to Sophia Gale,	208.67
Geo. W. Parsons,	54.59
Joseph Heath, in part,	75.78
Amos Varney,	102.45
Mrs. M. A. Wight,	92.00
Amy L. Edgerly, “	12.00
Ebenezer S. Price,	51.75
John C. Baker, “	50.00
Cha's Varney,	245.35
Cha's Varney,	186.49
Moses S. Gale,	206.13
Isaac P. Coffin,	113.32
Polly Allen, “	5.00
Stephen Dudley,	141.83
David G. Edgerly,	100.37
Betsey O. Copp, “	50.00
Polly E. Allen, “	6.00
Henry P. Thompson,	120.56
Henry P. Thompson,	101.63
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	
in part,	6.12
Trustees of Gilmanton Academy,	114.89
John P. Clough,	80.06
John P. Clough,	158.08
Treas. Cong'l Society, I. W., in part,	18.68
Martha A. Gilman,	12.28
John Ham, “	100.00
Peter Dudley, “	20.00
Mary Rowe,	141.00
Mary Rowe,	33.78
Mary Rowe,	32.67
Trustees Gilmanton Academy, “	2.00
David Avery, “	100.00
John S. Shannon,	128.66
Erskine Marsh,	29.95
David Ellsworth,	106.26
Lydia Sanborn,	107.06
David Hatch,	313.46
Wm. H. Sanborn, “	82.98
Benja. F. Hall, “	82.97
Ezekiel Hill, “	100.00
Sally Edgerly,	101.95
Martha A. Gilman, “	25.00
Owen J. Edgerly, “	166.63
Jonathan Clough, “	200.00

Paid order drawn to Cha's Varney,	in part,	100.00
Lewis G. Lougee,	"	48.24
Jos. B. Durrill,		164.37
Peter Dudley,		253.72
Ira Shannon,	"	80.00
Cynthia Arlin,	"	15.18
Henry E. Marsh,		208.46
Interest on order to H. H. Norcross,		12.12
Eunice Holbrook,		10.50
Order drawn to John F. Folsom,	"	17.00
Order drawn to Cha's H. Lougee,		81.50
Moses A. Ellis,		480.92
John Cram,		426.68
Meredith Bridge Savings Bank,		1,500.00
Order drawn to Andrew Mack,		23.20
drawn to Stephen L. Greeley,	"	67.71
Interest on Parsonage Fund for 1869,		19.43
1870,		25.06
Order drawn to Jonathan P. Hill,	"	42.00
Interest to Laconia Savings Bank,		40.00
Order drawn to Almy J. Merrill,		52.53
Sarah F. Emerson,		206.86
Peter Dudley,		757.24
H. E. Marsh,		498.87
Cha's E. Plummer,		182.58
Julia A. Leighton,		130.75
Julia A. Leighton,		390.14
Cha's E. Plummer,		946.22
Cha's E. Plummer,		277.72
Cha's E. Plummer,		54.91
Tho's Adams,		46.43
David B. Merrill,	"	33.00
John D. Proctor,	"	100.00
John K. Woodman,		205.75
Wm. N. Swain,		196.63
H. E. Marsh,		210.90
Benja. F. Hall,		82.47
Ezekiel Hill,		654.12
Jonathan P. Hill,		706.53
Stephen L. Greeley,		69.21
Stephen L. Greeley,		359.40
Stephen L. Greeley,		130.59
Ira Shannon,		968.40
Ira Shannon,		424.22

Paid order drawn to	Albert F. Page,	in part,	100.00
	Jonathan Young,		250.94
	Nehemiah Pulsifer,		52.33
	Albert F. Page,		422.85
	John D. Proctor,		21.24
	Jonathan P. Hill,		9.60
	John C. Baker,		22.85
	Owen J. Edgerly,		42.43
	Owen J. Edgerly,		4.59
	Owen J. Edgerly,		178.38
	Owen J. Edgerly,		304.35
	Owen J. Edgerly,		36.70
	Owen J. Edgerly,		304.10
	Owen J. Edgerly,		101.93
	Owen J. Edgerly,		48.63
	Salome Chesley,	"	12.00
	Henry Chesley,		9.00
	Marcus S. Weeks,		114.28
	Marcus S. Weeks,		52.00
	John C. Baker,		278.75
	John K. Woodman,		1,101.51
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			\$27,337.28

Current Expenses.

Paid State tax,	\$2,628.60
County tax,	1,518.38
Peter Dudley, for procuring money,	5.00
H. W. Peaslee, for stationery,	1.88
Cha's S. Bunker, for not impounding horse,	4.00
Jona. Prescott, for watering trough, 1869,	2.00
Cha's T. Lougee, watering trough, 1869,	3.00
Stephen G. Lougee, for procuring money,	1.00
Wm. E. Waterhouse, for examining records,	1.00
Cha's F. Montgomery, for procuring money,	9.10
John K. Woodman, for procuring money,	13.54
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for blank books,	10.82
Orrin Folsom, for procuring money,	5.00
Cyrus Varney, for blanks for town,	1.15
John W. Page, for fixing desk in hall,	3.86
Independent Press Association, for Reports for 1869,	64.00
John K. Woodman, for procuring money,	1.18
Cyrus Varney, for revenue and postage stamps,	1.08
Mrs. Cyrus Gilman, for board of Selectmen, 1869,	67.70

Paid James S. Rundlett, for procuring money,	15.24
Richard D. Varney, for procuring money,	1.10
A. H. Emerson, for procuring money,	28.60
Thomas Cogswell, for Town Officer for town,	2.62
E. C. Eastman, for Collectors' books,	2.40
Cyrus Varney, for procuring money for town,	3.90
Cyrus F. Gilman, watering trough, to June, 1870,	4.00
G. W. Emerson, for examining records,	.25
Nicholas Gilman, for procuring money,	2.00
Mrs. Cyrus Gilman, for board of Selectmen, 1870,	25.00
Alfred Prescott, for procuring money,	30.00
Andrew B. Taylor, for procuring money,	10.00
Stephen Perkins, for procuring money,	20.00
C. C. Rogers, for cost in suit against town,	3.74
Daniel C. Mellows, for examining records,	1.00
Richard Rowe, for procuring money,	1.10
Trustees of Academy, for repairing Hall,	12.00
Wm. H. Leonard, for copy of record of line,	.25
Charlotte G. Littlefield, for procuring money,	1.50
Jona. P. Hill, for perambulating town lines,	25.50
Henry L. Robinson, for examining records,	.50
Jane Pickering, for procuring money,	3.00
Tho's Adams, for loss of money,	10.00
Hiram Barker, for procuring money,	8.93
John K. Woodman, discount on draft,	1.00
Tyler S. Tilton, for expenses as Selectman, out of town,	10.50
Lewis G. Lougee, for procuring money,	10.00
John W. Hoitt, for watering trough for 1869-70,	5.00
Irena A. Leach, for damage to land in 1869,	10.00
H. W. Peaslee, for stationery,	1.48
Amos Varney, for procuring money,	1.30
Almy Merrill, " " " "	.51
John Ham, " " " "	3.00
Henry P. Thompson, " " " "	2.00
Moses S. Gale, " " " "	2.00
George W. Meserve, for examining records,	3.00
Martha A. Gilman, for board of Selectmen, 1868,	31.59
Reuben Edgerly, for services as referee in J. C. Young case,	2.00
Harvey Connor, " " " "	.50
Julia A. Leighton, for procuring money for town,	2.70
Cyrus F. Gilman, watering trough to March 1871,	3.00
John C. Young, for damage to horse,	125.00

Paid I. S. Sanborn, for use of watering trough, 1869,	2.00
F. P. Burroughs, " " " 1870,	3.00
The several school districts,	1,184.62
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	\$5,958.52

Paid for Town Poor.

Paid Geo. Montgomery for med. aid to April, 1870,	50.00
J. D. Nelson, for aid to transient paupers, 1869,	5.00
Betsey Brown, for aid for child of J. Brown,	5.00
S. H. Dearborn, for clothes for Willie Brown,	8.07
Ira Farrar, for aid for H. C. Smith,	8.00
James Drew, for board of C. C. Bean,	41.00
Ira Farrar, for wood for H. C. Smith,	20.00
Town of Laconia, for med. aid for Mrs. Reuben Page and family,	197.00
H. W. Peaslee, for aid to Moses Flanders,	5.00
H. W. Peaslee, for aid to H. C. Smith,	15.40
John S. Rogers, board of W. H. Brown, in 1869,	35.73
James Drew, board of C. C. Bean,	66.00
H. W. Peaslee, aid for H. C. Smith, R. R. Colcord and Flanders,	33.02
I. C. Marsh, for transient paupers, 1869,	4.50
Joseph B. Durrill, board of Levi Hutchinson,	42.00
Julia A. Osborn, " " "	26.00
Mrs. Badger Young, for board of Gilman Boy,	6.00
Joseph Perley, for casket for C. F. Hutchin's child,	2.00
Amos Varney, for wood for C. F. Hutchins,	4.50
Joseph Brown, for aid for Arvilla A. Brown,	10.41
Lewis E. Durrill, for board of Levi Hutchinson,	57.00
Joseph Brown, for aid for Louisa Maxfield, 1869,	51.77
" " " " " 1870,	52.35
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	\$745.75

Paid for poor chargeable to the County.

Paid J. H. Drew, for wood for Juda S. Gilman,	9.00
S. H. Dearborn, goods for Wm. Willey,	10.00
" " " Mrs. Ralph Twombly,	26.00
" " " Cha's F. Smith's family,	10.00
" " " flour for Juda Gilman,	8.25
" " " provisions for E. Danforth,	8.00
" " " shoes for J. M. Jones,	3.00
James M. Gilman, for aid for Isaac A. Downs,	2.00
" " " Daniel Downs,	10.00

Paid Joseph Brown, aid for James M. Jones,	15.55
John Wheeler, for med. aid for J. M. Jones' family,	15.50
Joseph Brown, aid for James M. Jones,	4.00
James M. Gilman, " " "	8.00
Joseph Brown, " " "	39.83
Joseph Brown, " " "	5.06
Cha's G. Kelley, for house rent "	12.75
Levi H. Chase, for self and team to county commis.	1.50
Henry J. Pierce, for board of Mrs. J. M. Clifford,	5.43
Nathan H. Carr, for wood for J. M. Jones,	4.00
H. W. Peaslee, for aid for Charles F. Smith,	22.00
" " " John McKenzie,	5.00
S. H. Dearborn, for aid for Ezekiel Danforth,	15.50
" " " Charles F. Smith,	6.00
Nahum Wight, med. aid for Mrs. J. M. Clifford,	26.00
" " " John McKenzie,	15.00
Joseph Brown, for aid for J. M. Jones,	2.00
James Ames, for digging grave for Susan Main,	3.00
Tho's Cogswell, for taking affidavit of John Main,	1.00
H. W. Peaslee, aid for Mrs. Paul Twombly,	4.00
Nahum Wight, for balance of sundry bills,	3.35
H. W. Peaslee, aid for Cha's F. Smith in 1869,	31.00
H. W. Peaslee, for aid for Mrs. Paul Twombly, 1869,	5.00
" " " Wm. Willey, "	2.76
" " " Ezekiel Danforth, "	8.45
Cyrus Varney " Cha's F. Smith,	.67
Jeremiah W. Sanborn, wood for James M. Jones,	3.00
Parker M. Lougee, for coffin, &c., for Susan Main,	15.00
John B. Stevens, for certificate in case of J. Main,	.50
Cyrus Varney, for aid for Mary and Juda Gilman,	40.24
Mrs. L. C. Hill, for washing for W. Tupper,	6.00
Cyrus Varney, aid for " "	17.25
Nelson B. McMurphy, for aid for " "	40.00
Nahum Wight, for med. aid for " "	51.00
S. H. Dearbon, for aid for " "	36.50
Wm. R. Hutchinson, for support of Sally Hutchinson,	8.00
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\$566.09	

Paid for old Roads and Bridges.

Paid Aaron Buswell, for labor in 1869,	2.50
John S. Page, for bridge plank, "	4.51
Joseph Leavitt, labor on road, "	1.88
Jeremiah Ellsworth, " "	17.00

Paid J. J. Bean, bridge plank,	1869,	2.24
Hiram S. Emerson, labor on road,	"	2.95
George P. Barron,	"	.62
George W. Adams, Jr.,	"	1.35
Joseph T. Griffin,	"	6.00
John L. Sargent,	"	.61
John C. Baker,	"	10.50
Samuel H. Chase,	"	3.00
J. D. Nelson, plank	"	15.75
Lewis E. Durrill,	"	58.90
Wm. N. Swain,	"	7.50
Henry E. Marsh,	"	100.62
Edmund Williams, for labor on road,	1869,	6.90
John L. Sargent,	"	4.50
Charles T. Lougee,	"	8.09
Nathan Batchelder,	"	13.50
Nathan Pickering,	"	2.50
Josiah Jones,	"	60.00
Nichols S. Gilman,	"	1.00
Cha's G. Sanborn,	"	1.25
A. R. Page,	"	5.00
Cyrus Lamprey,	"	6.34
Geo. W. Adams,	"	2.55
Jona. Young,	"	14.56
Geo. W. Griffin,	"	13.20
J. H. Drew,	"	1.34
J. D. Nelson,	" and plank,	50.28
Cyrus Varney,	"	2.50
Reuben Allen,	"	28.65
Deborah Eastman, for damage to plow,	"	4.81
Ebenezer S. Price,	"	5.00
H. E. Marsh, for labor on road,	"	65.00
John S. Page, for damage to plow,	"	4.00
Stephen G. Lougee, for railing bridge,	1870,	1.68
Cha's Varney, for bridge plank,	"	5.76
Jona. Young, for labor on bridge,	"	3.00
John P. Hussey, for use of scraper and repairing plow,		6.90
Samuel E. Eveleth, for labor on road,	1870,	2.50
Cyrus Varney,	"	57.00
Wm. R. Hutchinson,	"	3.50
Cyrus Varney,	"	14.62
Richard J. Varney,	"	33.50
Cha's H. Lougee,	"	3.04

Paid Asa Page,	for labor on road 1870,	1.50
Wm. B. Thompson,	" "	103.83
L. H. Mudgett,	for damage to plow, "	4.00
Jere'h W. Sanborn,	for labor on bridge, "	75.00
Isaac S. Sanborn,	for labor on road, 1869,	6.50
John French,	" "	27.14
Jere'h W. Sanborn,	" "	36.10
" "	" "	82.34
" "	" "	106.00
A. T. Page,	for land damage on Thompson road,	31.49
Cha's E. Plummer,	for labor on road, 1869,	47.27
" "	" 1870,	8.08
Amos Varney,	" "	20.50
Edwin S. Nelson,	" 1869,	15.90
Levi H. Chase,	" "	6.35
H. T. Gilman,	" "	3.00
I. S. Sanborn,	" "	7.25
John A. Maxfield,	" 1870,	6.00
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		\$1,256.65

Paid for New Road around Mill Hill.

Hiram Goodwin,	for labor on road,	13.50
George C. Parsons,	" "	9.75
Danford Cook,	" "	16.00
Amos R. Price,	" "	29.00
Proctor & Chesley,	for lumber for railing,	46.96
James C. Shannon,	for labor on road,	17.50
Wm. N. Swain,	" "	40.25
Cyrus F. Gilman,	" "	6.50
Cha's H. Shannon,	" "	43.75
Cha's A. Hatch,	" "	53.00
Jona. P. Hill,	for surveying road,	2.50
" "	" "	1.00
Jere'h W. Sanborn,	for labor on road,	100.00
James Leighton,	" "	17.25
Jere'h W. Sanborn,	" "	11.00
A. H. Emerson,	" "	37.38
Reuben Giles,	for land damage,	50.00
Charlotte B. and Samuel N. Hill,	for land damage,	40.00
Levi Ayers,	for land damage,	50.00
A. H. Emerson,	labor on road,	18.75
" "	" "	22.62
" "	" "	10.00

Paid Cha's E. Plummer, labor on road,	3.25
John C. Page, " "	4.37

\$644.33

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

Paid Cha's H. Copp, for over-tax,	1.70
N. S. Gilman, for cow lost,	.89
A. R. Page, for colt lost,	1.11
Ebenezer Chase, poll tax,	3.33
Eunice Holbrook, for cow lost,	.83
James M. Gilman, for horse lost,	1.78
Charles W. Hill, for cow and colt lost,	1.60
Henry N. Nelson, over-tax in 1869,	5.00
Joseph Allen, for dog tax,	1.00
John Ham, over-tax in 1869,	1.90
Isaac S. Sanborn, for taxes committed to him for collection in 1866,	5.66
Charles H. Gilman, for taxes committed to him for collection in 1863,	27.16
John Lougee, for taxes committed to him for collection in 1867,	53.85
James S. Kaime, winter tax for 1869,	17.33
Reuben W. Page, for over-tax on mountain land,	7.10
Charles H. Maxfield, for dog tax,	1.00
Ephraim Tebbetts, for taxes committed to him for 1868,	46.45
Cyrus Jones, for abatement of over-tax in 1869,	9.49

\$187.18

Paid Damage to Sheep by Dogs.

Paid John K. Dudley, for sheep killed,	\$3.00
Ezekiel Hill, for damage to sheep,	1.50
John S. T. Rollins, for sheep killed,	20.00

\$24.50

Paid Town Officers.

Paid George W. Parsons, for services as selectman, 1869,	31.64
John K. Dudley, as Auditor, for 1869,	4.50
Jeremiah W. Sanborn, for services as School Committee, in 1869,	75.00
Cyrus Varney, for services as Selectman, in 1869,	98.50
A. H. Emerson, " " in part, for 1870,	35.00

Paid Tyler S. Tilton, services Selectman, in part, 1870,	20.00
J. D. Nelson, " " for 1869,	40.00
Cyrus Varney, " " for 1870,	30.00
Tyler S. Tilton, " " "	20.00
A. H. Emerson, " " "	20.00
Cyrus Varney, " " "	25.00
Tyler S. Tilton, " " "	20.00
Thomas Adams, for services as Treasurer, 1869,	85.50
John K. Woodman, for services as Town-clerk, 1869,	57.75
A. H. Emerson, services as Selectman, in part, 1870,	50.00
Tyler S. Tilton, " " "	25.00
Cyrus Varney, " " "	50.00
Tyler S. Tilton, " out of town, "	10.50
John S. Page, for services as Auditor, 1869,	4.50
G. W. Parsons, for services as Selectman, 1869,	30.33
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	\$733.22

A synopsis of the foregoing account.

Dr. To amount of account brought forward,	\$39,360.65
Cr. By paid outstanding orders and interest on same,	\$27,337.28
current expenses,	5,958.52
for town poor,	745.75
for poor, chargeable to the county,	566.09
for old roads and bridges,	1,256.65
for new road around Mill hill,	644.33
for abatement of taxes,	187.18
for damage to sheep by dogs,	24.50
for town officers,	733.22
Balance in hands of treasurer,	1,907.13
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	\$39,360.65

Settled as above.

JOHN K. WOODMAN, Treasurer.

CYRUS VARNEY,	} Selectmen of Gilmanton.
TYLER S. TILTON,	
ALBERT H. EMERSON,	

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and balance due the town of \$1,907.13.

WM. N. SWAIN,	} Auditors.
JOHN S. PAGE,	

Funds of the Town.

Parsonage fund,	\$417.81
Literary fund,	124.12

The town is indebted to the funds as above. The amount of Literary is not included in the outstanding orders.

JOHN K. WOODMAN, Treasurer.

Selectmen's report of their accounts with the several Collectors.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Gilmanton, report their accounts, as kept with the several collectors, for the year ending March 1, 1871, as follows: viz.,

DR.

Charles H. Gilman, collector of taxes for the year 1863, in account with the town of Gilmanton.

To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 32.26

CR.

1871. Jan. 28. By paid as per receipt of treasurer, 32.26
 ————— \$32.26

DR.

Isaac S. Sanborn, collector of taxes for the year 1866, in account with the town of Gilmanton.

To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 19.91

CR.

1870. Dec. 24. By paid, by hand of T. Adams, former treasurer, 4.25

1871. Jan. 28. By paid as per receipts of treasurer, 15.66
 ————— \$19.91

DR.

John Lougee, collector of taxes for the year 1867, in account with the town of Gilmanton.

To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 63.51

CR.

1871. Feb. 18. By paid as per receipt of treasurer, 63.61

DR.

— \$63.51

Ephraim Tebbetts, collector of taxes for the year 1868, in account with the town of Gilmanton.

To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 133.98

CR.

1871. Feb. 22. By paid as per receipt of treasurer, 130.01

By paid cash, 3.82, abatement, 15 cents, 3.97

———— \$133.98

Dr.

Thomas Adams, collector of taxes for the year
1868, in account with the town of Gilmanton.
To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 59.91
Cr.

By paid,
Balance due March 1, 1871, 59.91
Dr.

John Lougee, collector of taxes for the year 1869,
in account with the town of Gilmanton.
To balance of taxes not collected, March 1, 1870, 1,905.96
Cr.

1870. April 21. By paid by hand of T.
Adams, former treasurer, 116.39
1871. Feb. 25. By paid as per receipts of
treasurer, 1,359.40
1,475.79
Balance due, March 1, 1871, \$430.17

Dr.

John Lougee, collector of taxes for the year
1870, in account with the town of Gilmanton.
1870. May 28. To amount of resident tax com-
mitted for collection, 12,792.69
To amount of non-resident money
tax, committed for collection, 133.87
To amount of non-resident high-
way tax committed for collection, 60.30
\$12,986.86

Cr.

1871. Feb. 25. By paid as per receipts of treasurer, 10,143.77
Balance due, March 1, 1871, \$2,843.09

CYRUS VARNEY, } Selectmen
TYLER S. TILTON, } of
ALBERT H. EMERSON, } Gilmanton.

The undersigned have examined the above accounts, and
find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WM. N. SWAIN, }
JOHN S. PAGE, } Auditors.

We find the Town indebted March 1, 1871, for outstanding orders, as follows:

Order in favor of

A. Foss, Trustee,	\$33.00	A. A. French,	50.00
F. P. Burroughs,	100.00	I. S. French,	200.00
M. A. B. Sawyer,	100.00	H. B. Kimball,	120.00
F. P. Burrows,	250.00	J. A. Sargent,	250.00
J. Clough,	300.00	H. H. Kimball,	158.00
M. A. B. Sawyer,	100.00	C. W. Clay,	30.00
N. Folsom,	50.00	J. T. Gilman,	100.00
M. F. Nelson,	600.00	M. A. Young,	100.00
D. B. Merrill,	550.00	Ai Page,	300.00
C. Varney,	500.00	T. Adams,	100.00
C. G. Kelley,	200.00	R. D. Varney,	76.00
S. Chesley,	200.00	C. H. Marsh,	20.00
H. Chesley,	150.00	S. Potter,	100.00
L. G. Lougee,	170.00	M. Piper,	40.00
M. A. Clough,	20.00	T. Adams,	75.00
B. O. Copp,	193.00	E. T. Stevens,	54.00
C. Varney,	300.00	R. M. Page,	250.00
J. Morrison,	300.00	C. F. Montgomery,	700.00
R. J. Gilman,	20 56	M. F. Nelson,	200.00
M. Foss,	250.00	E. A. Clough,	235.21
N. Hodgdon,	250.00	E. R. Prescott,	500.00
H. B. Kimball,	150.00	M. A. Clough,	1,000.00
C. W. Clay,	40.00	L. S. Bank,	1,000.00
T. Adams,	75.00	Trustees of estate of H.	
H. E. Lougee,	10.00	Hall,	1,650.00
J. A. Hurd,	80.00	J. L. Kimball,	50.00
Ai Page,	500.00	R. D. Varney,	110.00
M. A. Gilman,	62.00	J. L. Kimball,	53.30
J. Morrison,	200.00	J. S. Rundlett,	1,524.57
L. G. Lougee,	184.00	A. E. Ayers,	261.00
C. J. Sanborn,	36.00	J. Drew,	50.00
Ai Page,	300.00	L. G. Lougee,	1,094.72
C. W. Clay,	60.00	E. R. Prescott,	1,000.00
H. B. Kimball,	204.00	C. G. Edgerly,	200.00
H. H. Norcross,	200.00	B. H. Gilman,	50.00
L. W. Powell,	86.00	N. Gilman,	200.00
I. S. French,	200.00	S. P. Sanborn,	71.72
A. A. French,	50.00	J. S. Page,	125.00
A. S. French,	150.00	M. E. Heath,	200.00
M. A. Hurd,	200.00	G. E. Edgerly,	50.00
A. S. French,	70.00	A. B. Taylor,	1,000.00

Order in favor of

J. F. Folsom,	45.00	A. Warner,	200.00
C. G. L.,	150.00	E. Williams,	125.00
R. J. Grace,	22.61	C. Gale,	40.00
A. P. Merrill,	347.75	P. E. Allen,	20.00
S. Straw,	400.00	N. S. Merrill,	50.00
D. L. Piper,	563.95	E. Osgood,	354.55
N. S. Gale,	2.22	E. C. Tebbetts,	405.00
J. G. Drew,	125.00	C. G. L.,	150.00
I. P. Coffin,	200.00	M. J. Moore,	240.70
S. Perkins,	2,000.00	S. W. Sargent,	100.00
J. A. Hurd,	50.00	C. T. Lougee,	130.00
C. W. Marsh,	30.00	L. T. Edgerly,	227.29
E. Marsh,	33.95	C. E. Plummer,	115.00
B. F. Hall,	400.00	M. Banker,	120.08
A. J. Sanborn,	50.00	E. Hutchinson,	85.00
C. G. Kelley,	3.00	H. B. Davis,	120.00
R. Rowe,	142.00	T. Adams,	400.00
C. C. Varney,	202.00	Ai Page,	1,097.99
N. Pulsifer,	200.00	C. E. Plummer,	100.00
H. H. Norcross,	100.00	C. G. Littlefield,	304.50
J. B. Durrill,	55.34	C. E. Plummer,	175.00
Trustees of G. Academy,	571.19	J. S. Goodwin,	202.60
"	"	A. Varney,	300.00
"	"	A. H. Tilton,	900.00
G. W. Ross,	3.25	N. B. Sanborn,	55.25
J. S. Osborne,	500.00	J. Blake,	4.65
J. S. Osborne,	6.50	E. S. Price,	100.00
M. Dudley,	21.00	M. Sweatt,	120.00
A. H. W. Lee,	328.97	T. Sargent,	100.00
J. H. Stevens,	1,853.73	C. E. Pulsifer,	21.75
J. H. Drew,	121.00	J. S. Young,	205.00
M. O. Merrill,	200.00	N. Pulsifer,	25.75
S. G. Lougee,	975.00	C. F. Gilman,	25.00
C. O. Stockbridge,	160.22	G. E. Gilman,	25.00
C. G. Kelley,	200.00	C. F. Gilman,	62.50
H. Barker,	3,060.00	G. E. Gilman,	37.50
J. Morrill,	250.00	I. Gilman,	6.50
J. Pickering,	200.00	C. Woodman,	2,252.75
E. S. Price,	80.00	M. A. Beck,	684.07
A. E. Avery,	206.46	M. A. Beck,	711.03
S. Parsons,	100.00	G. Cook,	717.49
G. W. Parsons,	125.00	J. F. Chesley,	267.64
A. Warner,	47.77	N. S. Merrill,	111.32

Order in favor of

S. Page,	30.00	T. W. Hill,	50.00
A. M. Lamprey,	30.00	E. Osgood,	200.00
N. B. Jones,	21.70	L. G. Lougee,	344.91
C. F. Merrill,	101.00	J. J. Young,	75.00
E. G. Edgerly,	200.00	I. Gilman,	2.00
E. P. Mudgett,	20.00	S. Parsons,	200.00
H. N. Nelson,	100.00	A. Stevens,	500.00
M. Ramesell,	100.00	E. Holbrook,	175.00
M. E. French,	80.15	A. L. Edgerly,	200.00
John Ham,	151.14	P. R. Coffin,	100.00
B. C. Merrill,	28.90	C. W. Marsh,	33.00
C. G. Kelley,	3.00	S. Dudley,	250.00
Bearer,	35.00	C. Varney,	200.00
G. H. Hoitt,	250.00	J. French,	190.00
H. B. Kimball,	713.53	M. H. Rand,	275.00
J. H. Osgood,	228.50	C. Varney,	200.00
A. Dudley,	703.58	I. P. Coffin,	235.00
S. Lougee,	16.00	M. Humphrey,	700.00
J. Heath,	400.00	D. E. Edgerly,	25.00
S. S. Metcalf,	400.00	J. H. Osgood,	200.00
H. B. Kimball,	250.00	J. C. Osgood,	50.00
Ai Page,	200.00	S. Ayers,	100.00
S. Parsons,	100.00	J. B. & H. S. Goodwin,	138.00
J. M. Pickering,	500.00	P. Hatch,	300.00
E. E. Merrill,	250.00	S. H. Bean,	61.78
C. W. Marsh,	50.00	Ai Page,	774.20
J. P. Sanborn,	100.00	F. B. Coffin,	100.00
J. A. Sargent,	200.00	S. Ayers,	300.00
T. Adams,	100.00	A. M. Williams,	288.78
Bearer,	35.85	Bearer,	850.00
D. Avery,	475.00	Bearer,	100.00
E. A. Glidden,	190.00	C. W. Clay,	40.00
A. Glidden,	50.00	T. Adams,	144.63
Ai Page,	200.00	T. Adams,	35.00
C. E. Flanders,	50.00	Treasurer Cong. Society,	200.00
M. L. Dow,	50.00	A. M. Williams,	820.44
S. Ayers,	200.00	H. Barker,	5,100.00
N. Gilman,	200.00	E. Shannon,	211.90
P. Dudley,	450.00	M. K. Eveleth,	59.95
P. Dudley,	600.00	H. Barker,	1,020.00
E. S. Nelson,	75.00	J. D. Proctor,	500.00
M. Foss,	200.00	J. D. Proctor,	500.00
C. W. Clay,	30.00	J. A. Leighton,	235.70

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully presents the following report:

The schools of the town, twenty-eight in all, have been under the care and instruction of twenty-five different teachers, six males, and nineteen females.

The amount of school money raised for school purposes by town tax is \$1100.42. Amount of Literary Fund is \$84.20.

Whole number of scholars attending school during the year is 634. Average attendance, 495.

Whole length of summer schools, 204 weeks. The whole length of winter schools, 58 weeks. Average length of schools, nine and five fourteenths weeks.

Whole number of scholars attending to each of the following studies: Reading, 596; Spelling, 584; Algebra, 7; Penmanship, 230; Arithmetic, 384; Grammar, 117; History, 5; Geography, 173; Composition, 12; Philosophy, 3; Chemistry, 1; Astronomy, 1; Geometry, 1.

Schools commencing after Nov. 1st are called winter schools.

The following is a brief statement concerning the schools considered separately:

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee—Joseph Brown. Summer school of eight weeks taught by Miss Mary E. Kelley. Whole number of scholars, thirty-four; average attendance, twenty-six and three tenths. Wages of teacher, \$18.

This was Miss Kelley's first school, and when we consider it was in her own district, we are led to suppose that she had a very pleasant and profitable school. The teacher says, in her

report, "I gave out short lessons and labored hard to get up an interest in the scholars. I think improvement has been made." This is one of the hardest schools in town. School order, \$73.44.

The winter school was taught by Rev. J. G. Munsey. Length of school, five and one half weeks. Whole number of scholars, 41; average attendance, thirty-five and three sevenths. Wages of teacher, including board, \$25.

Comment upon this school is unnecessary. In this instance we had "the right teacher in the right place." The school was a success.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Committee—Charles G. Sanborn. First term of six weeks taught by Miss Etta M. Edgerly. Whole number of scholars, twenty-two; average attendance, nineteen. Wages, \$19. School order, \$72.46. Miss Edgerly is a teacher of large experience, and always has a good school. Improvement good as the best. Second term taught by George W. Adams, jr. Whole number of scholars, twenty-five; average attendance, twenty. Wages, \$20. Length of school, eight weeks. "This, to me, was a very pleasant school. I feel that I had the confidence of the entire district, with one exception. One man, in the interest of the devil, with more cheek than brains, rose up and said, I guess I'll run this institution, and began to assume such huge proportions that the boys, fearing he might burst, had him arrested and taken before Mr. Justice Goodwin, who caused him to be *hooped* to the tune of five dollars and costs, with the understanding if there was any further danger, he should be hooped again about March 7th." A portion of the school made marked progress. A class of young ladies, in this school, may be classed among the best readers in town.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Committee—George W. Dow. Summer term of nine weeks taught by Miss Abbie E. Cross, of Auburn. Whole number of scholars, ten; average attendance, eight and one fifteenth. Wages of teacher, \$8.67. School order, \$61.98. Miss Cross has had some experience in teaching, and will, I think, make a fine teacher. The improvement, on the part of those who tried, was good. Winter term of seven weeks taught by Mr. Charles D. Weare. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 18. Wages of teacher, \$27. Mr. Weare is a quiet and thorough teacher, who explains to his classes every principle gone over. The improvement in the various studies was all I could reasonably expect, considering the length of the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Committee—Charles W. Hill. One term of thirteen weeks, taught by Benjamin W. Chapman. Whole number of scholars, eighteen; average attendance, 15. Wages of teacher, \$16. School order, \$52.95. This is the second term Mr. Chapman has taught in this district, which is evidence that his services are appreciated by those interested. The school was fair in all particulars. The teacher says, in his report, "I desire to see a law passed by our Legislature, at no distant day, prohibiting a change of text books in our schools oftener than once in fifteen years."

DISTRICT No. 5.

Committee—John S. Page. Albert L. Marden, of Chichester, taught this school. One term, only, of fifteen weeks. Whole number of scholars, twenty-four; average attendance, twenty and seven eighths. Wages of teacher, \$20. Board and wood were given by the district, which lengthened the school considerably. I understand this to be the third term Mr. Marden has taught in this district. Owing to circumstances beyond the control of the teacher, quite a large portion of the school was absent on the day of examination. Improvement good, especially in Arithmetic. School order, \$75.50.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Committee—Dana Marsh. One term of fourteen weeks, taught by Martha E. Price, and Mary P. Price; eight weeks by the former, and six weeks by the latter. Whole number of scholars, twelve; average attendance, ten. Wages, \$20. School order, \$65.14. The scholars in this district gave evidence of having paid good attention to their studies. The teachers having had a large experience in teaching, we expected much from them, and in this we were not disappointed. We congratulate the district in their being able to obtain the services of such valuable teachers. The school house is hardly an apology for a house. I hope soon to see a new and beautiful house take the place of this. Why punish your children by compelling them to spend a portion of their time in this cold and uncomfortable place?

DISTRICT No. 7.

Committee—Asa F. Paige. One term of twelve weeks, taught by Miss Clara E. Paige. Whole number of scholars, fourteen; average attendance, ten and one half. Wages, \$10. (Board given.) School order, \$27.46. Miss Paige was very

successful in this school. Quite a large number of the parents and friends of the scholars were present at the examination. The scholars gave evidence of having been thoroughly drilled, and an occasional "be careful how you talk" by the teacher put them on their guard, and they acquitted themselves in a very satisfactory manner. We think Miss Paige destined to become a very able teacher.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Committee—William H. Weeks. One term of ten and two fifths weeks taught by Mrs. Olive A. Weeks. Whole number of scholars, fourteen; average attendance, eleven. Wages of teacher, \$18. School order, \$46.22. This is one of the smallest schools in town, and composed mostly of small scholars. The teacher says: "They were ready at all times to perform all the duties of the school room with cheerfulness. There have been no acts of willful disobedience, and it is the result of a uniform and regular course on my part in not requiring any thing unreasonable of my scholars, and at the same time insisting upon prompt obedience to all direct commands." The improvement was quite good. Some of the scholars advanced rapidly. Lorrain E. Weeks, eleven years old, made excellent progress in Arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Committee—Thomas B. Burnes. The summer term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Clara Peaslee. Whole number of scholars, forty-six; average, thirty-four and one half. Wages, \$24. School order, \$155.52. This is the third term Miss Peaslee has taught in this district. The teacher says, in report: "The scholars in this district are in the habit of staying away from school one or two days in a week, thereby losing, in part, their interest in their studies." This was a good school. The closing exercises were highly interesting. Three of the scholars were not absent one half day; viz., Novella E. James, Ida B. Locke and Jennie M. Locke. Miss Peaslee is a favorite teacher in this district. Winter term taught by Miss Arabella Z. Moody. Length of school twelve weeks. Whole number scholars, forty-two; average, twenty-six and one half. Wages of teacher, \$24. Miss Moody commenced this school under adverse circumstances, as it was very evident that a majority of the district were in favor of another teacher. Some improvement has been made, and if the teacher had had the support of the district, she would have had more interest in her scholars, and the school would have been much more profitable. The

teacher says, in her report, "There is a lack of interest on the part of the *parents* in this district. I have tried hard to have a prosperous school." A teacher ought not to feel herself above her pupils. Our most successful teachers are those who are the most familiar with their scholars, outside of the school room.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Committee—Chauncey Gay. Miss Hattie S. Tappan taught the school in this district. One term of eleven weeks. Whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, $12\frac{1}{2}$. Wages of teachers, \$16. School order, \$43.01. This was one of the best appearing schools in town. The closing exercises were very satisfactory, and were witnessed by a number of the friends of the teacher, and others of the district. The teacher appeared to be at home in her school, and to have won the regard of her pupils. A good, quiet, and profitable school. The house is a disgrace to the district. I hope to see a modern built house take the place of this, at no distant day.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Committee—Asa T. Page. Teacher, Miss Etta M. Edgerly. There was but one term, of $14\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, in this district, during the year. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10. Wages, \$12, exclusive of board. School order, \$49.12. This is the most advanced school in town, and, if we judge by the number of visitors present at the examination, the school is bound to maintain its pre-eminence over the other schools in town. Miss Edgerly deservedly stands in the front rank as a teacher. Possessing, as she does, good executive ability, she governs with firmness, yet with kindness. The school made rapid improvement in all the branches taught. My thanks are due to the district for the uniform kindness shown *me*.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Committee—Joseph B. Durrell. Miss Martha C. Durrell taught the first term of ten weeks. Whole number of scholars, 8; average attendance, $5\frac{1}{2}$. Wages, \$12. I was very much pleased with the appearance of this school at its close. Singing was a very pleasant and, no doubt, profitable feature in this school. It is the smallest school in town. Improvement, good. Order, the same. Some statements in her Register, I think, are not truthful. School order, \$75.56. Second term of twelve weeks taught by Mrs. Mary A. Lougee. Whole number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5. Wages of teacher, \$14.

Mrs. Lougee is a good and quiet teacher. Advancement as good as could be expected in a school composed of such small scholars.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Committee—N. B. McMurphy. The summer and winter terms taught by Miss Laura E. Shepard, of Concord. Whole number of scholars, first term, 23; average, 21. Wages, \$16. Second term, whole number of scholars, 29; average, 27. Wages, \$16. Length of each term, six weeks. School order, \$51.12. This school has made very rapid and thorough progress. When Miss Shepard commenced this school it was in a very backward state, but under the excellent instruction, which she gave, the advancement was second to no district in town. I consider it the best appearing school I have visited during the year. Fortunate is the district that secures the services of such an able teacher.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Committee—Charles H. Maxfield. First term, of five and one fifth weeks, taught by Miss Nellie P. Mudgett. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, $8\frac{1}{5}$. Wages, \$6.67. School order, \$36.83. Miss Mudgett fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. A profitable school. The number of visitors present at the close is good evidence that her services were appreciated. Second term of seven weeks taught by Miss Lena A. Sargent, of Pittsfield. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 12. Wages, \$13. This is a young teacher, yet she has the qualifications for a first class instructor, being prompt, energetic, faithful, and an excellent disciplinarian. This was a good school.

DISTRICT No. 15.

Committee — John Adams. One term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Etta M. Edgerly. Whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 18. Wages, \$19. School order, \$44.70. Miss Edgerly enjoyed the full confidence of the district, and to say that the school was a success, in every particular, is due the teacher for her noble endeavors in the interest of her pupils. An exhibition in the evening was very fully attended by the parents and friends of both teacher and scholars, and was very interesting. Wise is the district that secures her services.

DISTRICT No. 16.

Committee—Nathan Batchelder. First term of eight weeks taught by Miss Cynthia Varney. Whole number of scholars, 15; average, 12. Wages of teacher, \$12 (board given). This teacher has rare literary qualifications, and if she had more executive ability, would, I think, make a fine teacher. The lack of order was a bad feature in her school. Some improvement was made. Second term of ten weeks taught by Miss Lottie E. Payne, of Loudon. Whole number of scholars, 16; average, 14½. Wages, \$14 (board given). Miss Payne has kept a good school. She is one of our young teachers, who promise much in the future. School order, \$63.82.

DISTRICT No. 17.

Committee—Nehemiah Pulsifer. There were two terms in this district, taught by Miss M. Anna James, of Gilford. First term of eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, 15; average, 13. Wages, \$18. Second term, eight weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11; average, 10. Wages, \$18. School order, \$49.10. Miss James discharged her duties in the school room in a way creditable to herself, and, I think, with satisfaction to the district. She had the confidence of her pupils and the coöperation of their parents. The order was good, and improvement marked.

DISTRICT No. 18.

Committee—James A. Hurd, George H. Shannon, Daniel Connell. Summer term, eight weeks, taught by Miss Nellie S. Daniels, of Great Falls. Whole number of scholars, 52; average attendance, 38. Wages of teacher, \$24. School order, \$140.69. Miss Daniels is a teacher of large experience. I visited her school twice. Good order, good attention, and good progress were marked features in this school. The visitors present at its close will sustain us in this assertion. Here are some of the finest scholars in town. A class of young ladies made a very fine appearance. Winter term of seven and three fifths weeks taught by Mr. A. W. Shackford, of Barnstead. Whole number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 35. Wages, \$43. This is the third term Mr. Shackford has taught in this district. As an instructor, this teacher most certainly excels. This is the largest school in town, composed of scholars of all ages, and it is impossible for one teacher to do justice to all. I suggest that the district repair their house, or build new, and then grade their school. In so doing, each scholar will receive

much more benefit than they possibly can under the old system of mixed schools. Mr. Shackford was not "out of chalk," at the examination; consequently, he made considerable use of the blackboard. The closing exercises were very satisfactory.

GENERAL REMARKS.

As Superintending School Committee of this town, during the last political year, it has been my endeavor, to the best of my ability, to attend to the duties of the office. My best efforts have been used in urging the different schools in town to take a higher, a nobler, and a more advanced position. I have tried to instill into the minds of the scholars the great importance of a good and thorough education. That our schools have been as successful, and have made as good progress, as during any preceding year, is beyond doubt or cavil. Many of our schools have made the most marked progress, while no school can be said to have been a total failure. In some instances the teachers were not all that could be desired, yet as a whole, I think they will compare favorably with any teachers in adjacent towns. Most of our schools are small, and I believe it would be for the interest of the town to consolidate some of the districts. It is a well known fact that our school districts, in a large part, were created many years ago, and framed to suit the then wants of our school-going population. With the great change which the last generation has witnessed in the number and character of our common school scholars in our rural towns, has arisen a necessity for the remodeling of our school districts so as to accommodate them to the present necessities of our people, and when this is done, new school-houses should be erected, or old ones centralized and repaired. We need less districts and school-houses in number, but we need larger districts and better houses.

To teachers: Believing that success in teaching is almost as much dependent upon the methods of imparting instruction as upon the character and classification of the material furnished by the text-book, we most earnestly ask your attention to the following suggestions: Commence in accordance with the maxim, "Not how much, but how well." Permit no child to read in an improper manner. Do nothing without attention. Require the class to repeat the most important principles, definitions, and examples, both separately, and in concert. Review the lessons, and do not commence Part Second until the pupil understands Part First. I would call your attention

to the following: The Superintending Committee is expected to grant no certificate except for suitable qualifications. But, when the teacher makes no application for one (which has been the case in a majority of instances), is it reasonable to expect this? Chapter eighty-first, section six, of the General Statutes, reads as follows: "No person shall be employed or paid for services as a teacher, unless he shall produce, and deliver to the prudential committee, a certificate of the school committee of the town in which the district where the school is to be kept, or is deemed to be, that he is well qualified to instruct youth in the branches to be taught in such school." I hope prudential committees will employ none but the best of teachers, if they are to be procured.

There are some very good school-houses in town. I will class them as follows: Nice houses, seven; nine poorly answer the purposes for which they were intended, while two are a disgrace to those who tolerate them. I have found in the schools, to the serious injury of them, quite a variety of text-books. Those more generally used are, Hillard's series of Readers, Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics, Cornell's Geographies, Quackenbos' Grammar, History and Philosophy. These I would recommend for general use for the present. If they are not the best, they are good books, and ought to be made uniform in all the districts in town. In so doing we get rid of an endless variety of text-books.

In conclusion, I would return my sincere thanks for the kind manner in which I have every where been received by teachers, scholars, and friends generally. That I may receive the charity of all, is my desire.

GEORGE W. ADAMS, JR.,
Superintending School Committee.

